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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Twenty-first General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth will be held in Lahnstein, West Germany on August 20-25, 1989. There will be four plenary sessions and eight concurrent sessions at the conference; the topics and organizers of individual sessions are given below. Anyone interested in submitting a paper to be considered for any of these sessions should write directly to the appropriate session organizer, enclosing an outline or abstract for the proposed paper.

PLENARY SESSIONS: (No other session to be held at the same time)

1. Satellite and Adjunct Accounts in the National Accounts
Organizer: Pierre Teillet, INSEE, 18 Bd. Adolphe Pinard, 75675 Paris Cedex 14, France
2. Definitions and Concepts of Income
Organizer: Utz Reich, Statistisches Bundesamt, Postfach 55 28, D-6200 Wiesbaden, West Germany
3. Potential GNP
Organizer: Heinrich Lutz, Statistisches Bundesamt, Postfach 55 28 D-6200 Wiesbaden, West Germany
4. Use of Microdata and Microsimulation Models
Organizer: Michael Wolfson, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A OT6, Canada

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: (The pairs shown together will be run at the same time)

1. (A) Revision of the SNA: Progress and Structure
Organizer: Brian Newson, EUROSTAT, BP 1907, Luxembourg, G.D. Luxembourg
- (B) Cross National Comparisons of Income Distribution
Organizer: Timothy Smeeding, Institute for Public Policy Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee 31212 U.S.A.
2. (A) Savings and Asset Accumulation
Organizer: Thomas Juster, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 U.S.A.
- (B) Reliability of Estimates in the National Accounts
Organizer: Stewart Wells, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A OT6 Canada

3. (A) Recent Trends in Poverty
Organizer: Aldi Hegenaars, Department of Economics, Erasmus University 3000-DR Rotterdam, Netherlands
- (B) Trade in Services
Organizer: Peter Hill, O.E.C.D., 2 rue Andre-Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France
4. (A) Measurement of Productivity in Government
Organizer: Keith Blackburn, Asian Development Bank, Manilla 2800, Philippines
- (B) Contributed Papers Organizer: To be announced

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The diskettes accompanying this March 1988 issue of *The Review of Income and Wealth* (Series 34, No. 1) contain a reference library of statistical tables (Penn World Table [Mark 4]) that are a supplement to the article "A New Set of International Comparisons of Real Product and Prices for 130 Countries, 1950-1985" by Robert Summers and Alan Heston.

Electronic publication of statistical supplements in the form of diskettes is being undertaken by the Review on an experimental basis for the next three years. This experiment has been made possible by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The National Science Foundation supported the research underlying the statistical tables and helped to defray the cost of the diskettes. The system and related software used for electronic publishing are products of Prospect Research Corporation, and were developed under the Small Business Innovation Research Program of the National Science Foundation.

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	IW88-1A1.R05	South America—12 tables
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	IW88-1A1.R04	North and Central America—14 tables
	IW88-1A1.R06	Oceania—5 tables
	IW88-1A1.R07	Centrally Planned Economies—9 tables

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